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## Field Crops

Small grain plantings are nearing completion in the State, later than last year and the five year average. Durum wheat and barley emergence has occurred on over half of the acreage. Alfalfa harvest is active on roughly three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good but a substantial amount is in very poor to poor condition, depending on location and elevation.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	9	29	44	17
Range and Pasture	8	21	39	26	6

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Planted	90	85	100	100
• Emerged	65	35	82	91
Barely				
• Planted	96	95	100	100
• Emerged	80	45	87	91

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were varied across the State for the week ending February 24. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at various locations to 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at

Marana and Roll, and the lowest reading of 12 degrees occurred at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 13 of the 22 stations. Flagstaff received the most at 1.25 inches of precipitation and Safford received the least with 0.02 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
February 18 - February 24, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	50	-3	69	33	0.53	2.09	-0.33	86
Buckeye	55	-2	73	38	0.03	2.26	1.03	184
Canyon De Chelly	38	-1	50	24	0.44	2.23	1.03	186
Coolidge	54	-3	73	33	0.00	1.49	-0.09	94
Douglas	52	4	75	24	0.00	0.31	-0.90	26
Flagstaff	33	2	53	12	1.25	6.24	2.43	164
Grand Canyon	33	5	53	16	0.99	4.14	-0.15	97
Kingman	47	-1	63	28	0.71	2.91	1.27	177
Marana	57	2	81	38	0.00	1.67	-0.51	77
Maricopa	55	-2	71	36	0.00	1.49	0.07	105
Paloma	55	-3	76	37	0.00	1.06	-0.38	74
Parker	56	-3	78	35	0.07	1.11	-0.29	79
Payson	46	4	61	32	0.87	5.53	1.92	153
Phoenix	59	0	71	47	0.11	1.97	0.74	160
Prescott	43	4	61	24	0.72	4.00	1.17	141
Roll	57	0	81	34	0.00	0.65	0.08	114
Safford	49	0	72	30	0.02	1.44	0.19	115
St. Johns	40	0	62	19	0.22	1.23	0.08	107
Tucson	56	1	74	37	0.00	1.39	-0.06	96
Willcox	47	-1	72	24	0.00	1.00	-0.58	63
Winslow	43	3	57	25	0.04	1.50	0.61	169
Yuma	66	5	80	50	0.00	0.35	-0.22	61

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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